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Gerflor's Taraflex® and Tarasafe refurbishment success at Plymouth primary.

Fundamentally, physical education can have a range of health-related benefits to anyone, and children are no different. For children with limited means to exercise outside of school, their physical education in school is vital to their overall health.

At Yealmpton Primary to the East of Plymouth in South Devon they strive to inspire and challenge the children in their care. All children are encouraged to be more active during break and lunch times with sports and fitness at the forefront of that focus.

When the school implemented a refurbishment programme for their multi-use hall and kitchen servery area, they turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply 180 m2 of their world class Taraflex® Multi-Use vinyl sports flooring in Wood Natural and 20 m2 of their Tarasafe Ultra safety flooring in Citrine for the school's kitchen servery area. An Isolsport underlay was also supplied by Gerflor, enabling the installer to lay the Taraflex® Multi Use directly over the existing Granwood floor.

The specification and installation would be the responsibility of family run, Plymouth-based Moss Eco Flooring Limited who have been serving the local community with domestic and commercial flooring since 2012.

John Moss, Managing Director, Moss-Eco Flooring said, "we chose Gerflor's Taraflex Multi-Use sports flooring as we were laying over an existing Granwood floor. John Moss added, "the school hall hosts various other non-sport related activities, so choosing Taraflex Multi Use was the perfect solution to enable the school to get the optimum use out of their facility."

Taraflex® Multi-Use is a P1 category sports flooring designed with both sport and non-sport use in mind, making it ideal for multi-purpose areas. Taraflex® Multi-Use protects users with excellent shock absorption and impact protection of 25 to 35%. Yet it's tough enough to protect itself against non-sport demands often found in many education environments such as the movement of tables, chairs, and exercise equipment. This is due to improved indentation resistance and recovery through Gerflor's new innovative CXP HD+ foam technology.

Meanwhile, surface reinforcement which delivers durability and abrasion resistance is provided by a D-Max fibreglass grid. The flooring offers maximum hygiene with bacteriostatic and a fungistatic treatment and comes with the Triple Action ProtecSol® surface treatment which provides easy maintenance, friction protection and 'intelligent' sliding coefficient.

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This stunning multi use sports flooring is available in five wood-effect and two concrete-effect designs and four solid colours. Taraflex® has been used by the largest international sports federations for decades.

Through partnerships with these federations, Gerflor has been present at the Summer Olympic Games since 1976. Over 6 million children everyday enjoy the benefits of Taraflex® sports flooring.

John Moss further commented, “we also specified Gerflor’s Tarasafe Ultra safety flooring in the school’s kitchen area where food is served, so a safe flooring product that can deal with spills was paramount in our specification.”

Tarasafe Ultra is a specialist slip-resistant vinyl safety flooring inlaid with mineral crystals particles, as opposed to carborundum giving a brighter appearance. It also comes with a tough PVC wearlayer and meets HSE guidelines. Tarasafe Ultra is reinforced with a glass fibre grid and is suitable for use in all areas of heavy traffic where slip-resistance, durability and hygienic conditions are required. Tarasafe Ultra comes with a 12-year warranty and is also 100% recyclable. The range has a maximum hygiene rating meeting the EN Standard 22196 for anti- bacterial activity (E. coli - S. aureus - MRSA) (3) returning >99% levels of growth inhibition.

John Moss also added, “I have used Gerflor frequently in over thirty years of floor laying. Their products are extremely easy to fit, and I’ve had not one single issue to date.”

In conclusion John Moss said “over the years we have fitted Gerflor products in many schools, universities and colleges with great success. I would definitely use Gerflor again and would highly recommend their products as they’ve always proven to meet the required standards of our customers.”

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